

Pedestrian Furnishings, Street Trees and Landscaping Specifications

Pedestrian furnishings should be installed only in planting strip/ pedestrian furnishing zone and maintain a nine foot clear sidewalk width at the narrowest point. Pedestrian furnishings should be allowed and encouraged adjacent any usable open space where the required sidewalk width is maintained.

Benches

One bench is recommended per 100' street front or per development, whichever is greater. Multiple designs are specifically allowed to enliven the quality of the pedestrian environment provided the benches are minimum of six foot in length and of durable design, construction and finish. (Steel, concrete, heavy timber and/or recycled plastic) Benches and other features should be bolted through brick paving to concrete foundation pads below.



Benches, trash receptacles and other pedestrian furnishings should be durable, well constructed and installed..

Trash Receptacles

One Trash Receptacles shall be required per 200' street front or per development, whichever is greater. Recycling containers should be studied to see if they are successful in public spaces. Frequently the lack of control discounts the feasibility.

Bicycle Racks

One bicycle rack is recommended per 100' street front or per development, whichever is greater. The city standard bike rail is recommended.

Landscape railing

A landscape railing is recommended at all existing and new surface parking conditions and set at the property line to help define the public right of way and hide parking. Multiple designs should be allowed provided they are between 2'-6" and 3'-6" high, steel construction with vertical pickets.



Landscape railings help screen adjacent surface parking and reinforce a consistent street edge in absence of continuous building edge



Pedestrian lighting

Seattle City Light has responded to significant city-wide neighborhood interest in pedestrian scale lighting by developing a pedestrian lighting program. Since City light is responsible for ownership, maintenance and repair of the lighting, options are limited to particular standard poles and four different styles. All lights are energy efficient high-pressure sodium. The light recommended for the plan area is Type 'C' (ZED: Nostalgia - Z47A) with a 14' high fluted pole and decorative base cover (B104). This design provides the best civic character. Proposed lighting locations are provided on the street framework plan.

Street lighting

New steel street lighting poles and luminaries should be provided as coordinated with relocating the utility poles underground. The poles should be well designed and high quality similar to those used in downtown Seattle. The standard 'cobra head' attached to a wood pole is not recommended for continued use in the plan area.

Hanging planters and banner Brackets

Street lighting poles should accommodate hanging planters and banner brackets.

The preferred pedestrian street light and pole for the plan area exhibits an appropriate 'civic' character.

‘Gateway’ signs

Special ‘Gateway’ signs are not recommended by this plan. Successful comprehensive implementation of a consistent and quality streetscape will provide necessary distinction for the district and not cause confusion with other Ballard districts.

Parking regulations signs and/or meters

Signs and meters located in loading curb should be determined by City policy in cooperation with local businesses and civic organizations.

Newspaper racks

Modular newspaper vending machines are recommended to control clutter and maximize pedestrian space. Racks should be located in the pedestrian furnishing zone or curb bulb area.

Bollards

Bollards are optional; only as required by adjacent driveway entrances to protect trees, planting areas and/or pedestrians.

Drinking Fountains

Optional, multiple designs are encouraged.

Special paving

Former ‘City of Ballard’ street name tiles should be installed on all on corners.

Color

All steel pedestrian furnishings should be painted a consistent color as selected by a community preference survey.



The traditional inset tile Ballard street names should be installed at the street intersections consistent with other streets in the area.